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R6 is not providing support - they were going to help with the ethylene glycol but do not have an analyst available.

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Here is draft note for Randy or John to send out to the other Regions. Cindy, please review for accuracy. Bonnie and John, your comments and corrections are welcome. We would like this to go out no later than Monday noon, since samples will be shipping Monday afternoon. Thanks for your help.

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**From:** Cynthia Metzger/ESC/R3/USEPA/US  
**To:** RST Directors and ARAs  
**Date:** 01/20/2012 08:45 AM  
**Subject:** Thank you from Region 3

As you may be aware, Region 3 is embarking on a significant and complicated investigation of ground water contamination that may be linked to natural gas production in the Dimock, PA area. I have attached a copy of the Press Release for your information. As we have discussed in the past, hydraulic fracturing of deep shale formations to stimulate natural gas production has increased exponentially throughout the nation in the past few years, with unknown environmental consequences. Investigating potential human and environmental impacts is receiving a great deal of scrutiny and review by the highest levels of our government, not to mention the public and the gas drilling industry.

In order to meet the analytical requirements for this investigation. Region 3 has reached out to the Regional Lab community for assistance in providing analytical and technical support. Your labs have been very gracious and generous in response. Regions 2, 6 and 9 will be providing analysis for several parameters our lab does not perform. Region 5 is assisting in developing a GC/MS method for ethylene glycol. The other labs have offered back up and surge support as needed.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to you and your respective colleagues and staff for stepping up and volunteering to assist in this very important activity. In this time of criticism and close examination of the Agency's lab structure and functions. this is a prime example of cooperative efforts to solve some of the nation's most vexing environmental problems. We are proud and grateful to be part of this community.

Cindy Metzger, Director

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